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WARWICK HOCKEY CLUB 96th AGM and AWARDS CEREMONY 2015/16

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HAVE FUN WITH US...

Our diary of social events for the coming season 2016/17 are as follows:

Saturday 3rd September 2016, 1pm – 6pm: Club Day (Warwick School Pitches)

Sunday 4th September 2016, 10am – 6pm: The Warwickshire Cup 2016 (Warwick School Pitches)

Other social events for the coming season are yet to be arranged.

If you have any questions about any social events,
please feel comfortable in contacting our two

Social Secretaries – **Harriet McCormick** and **Tim Williams-Ellis**.

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WELCOME from Chairman: Nick Herd

The cartoon character Shrek once said, "Yes, it's BIG!", this season has been BIG, bigger and even better than before! Congratulations one and all for being at our Clubhouse tonight for the 96th AGM to celebrate the achievements of those who have made it an even more exciting season than the last, here at Warwick Hockey Club!

Some of the 'on and off the field' highlights that have made this season so memorable are...

The sponsorship deal struck with Café Rouge Leamington Spa provided us with superb yellow training tops for the whole of the senior Club which means we now look smarter and more recognisable when attending matches! The revamp of the website by Chris Langley has been nothing short of a miracle! It has revitalised our primary communication and marketing tool and it's a top class 'shop window' for the Club as well.

'On the field' of play, from the Men's 1s right down to the Juniors we have excelled, due in part to the great coaching set up and staff we have now, lead by David Bryce and of course the great spirit of you guys, our playing members! Our senior membership is up just over 10% at 162. Our 12 main sides have scored 651 goals and no side has come lower than 6th in their respective league – a top achievement. But, the icing on the cake has been:

'The Invincibles' our Men's 1s going unbeaten for the season and winning the Midlands 2 league, Hannah Wishart being crowned the top scorer in the Women's Division 3 league, Josh Cooper top scorer in the Club with 36 goals for the Badgers (with one more game to go) and our Mixed team who went out to our local rivals Khalsa (in a wretched game) in the 4th round of the National Cup.

'Off the field', the social scene has flourished too, with Tim Williams-Ellis and Harriet McCormick, carrying on where Seb Fleet and Pam Dalton left off last season with notable events such as: the 'Battle of the Teams', Casino Night and a rather sedate afternoon of paintballing – splat! Not forgetting of course the switch to Jephson's in Jephson Gardens for the End of Season Dinner which was a great success! Talking of food, our delicious teas (thank you Anne Marie) and engaging after game hospitality have not gone unnoticed as we came second in the Midlands Leagues for hospitality and top in Warwickshire.

Now to the future – congratulations to all those families who have had babies, we look forward to nurturing them into 'our hockey family' in the years to come. There's more to look forward to... a new Women's Head Coach – Andrew Mobley, two new astro pitches at Warwick School (fingers crossed), a 'Back To Hockey' programme, Summer League, the Rio Summer Olympics and a few key 'changes of the guard' on committee too! Of special mention: Angela Briggs who steps down after coaching, marshalling and nurturing our Junior section for the past 20 years – top work Ange! She hands over to two experienced Junior coaches – Paul Williams and Dave Lomas who I'm sure will do a great job.

There's much I haven't mentioned, but my final hoorah is to say 'thank you' to each and everyone of you for being you and for making this last year, absolutely amazing! Our committee have been superb too and have run the Club with great foresight, vigour, energy and passion. Top work!

Now it's time to applaud and celebrate our heroes:

– Your Team Player of the Year, Top Goal Scorer and Most Improved Player, Team of the Year and a fourth 'Legend' of Warwick Hockey Club who will be presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award for 2016!

Thank you for supporting our Club, have a fab summer and I look forward to seeing you all at Club Day on Saturday 3rd September at Warwick School on a brand spanking new astro pitch!

It's time to Exercise ...Socialise ...Energise!

Nick Herd
Chairman
Warwick Hockey Club

WOMEN'S 1st TEAM

Midlands Region Division 2 (6th) • Captain: Becky Weaver

Played 18 games • Won 7 • Drawn 4 • Lost 7 • For 38 • Against 26 • Goal difference 12

Player of the Year: Emilia Dunkerley • Top Goal Scorer: Martha Hayes • Most Improved Player: Lucy McEvoy

Following on from a very successful season the year before, Warwick Ladies 1s finished a respectable 6th in Midlands Division 2, the league which they were promoted into the year before. The league as expected was a challenge resulting in a mixed bag of results. Determined to remain in Division 2, Warwick were not deterred and pulled together as a team to achieve the necessary results allowing them the mid table finish they needed, a credit to each and every team member and also to coach Dave Bryce.

As normal, Warwick will have a change in their line up next season as they lose several players. Many of their talented young head off to university (Emilia Dunkerley, Martha Hayes and Sally Rankin), two to the big smoke of London (Bex McKeown and Katie Butler), one to become an excellent doctor (Ellie Pillsworth) and finally their exceptional goal keeper to boarding school (Loz Rigby). All is not lost though as the next batch of youth are stepping up to the plate (Ally Keayes, Emily Ingall-Tombs, Katie Rankin, Lucy McEvoy and Millla Dent), two are returning from starting their respective families (Helen Barron and Mel Best) and of course the usual suspects remain meaning the coming season looks bright for the Ladies 1s.

WOMEN'S 2nd TEAM

Midlands Division 2 (3rd) • Captain: Angela Briggs

Played 20 games • Won 12 • Drawn 4 • Lost 4 • For 46 • Against 19 • Goal difference 27

Player of the Year: Katie Rankin • Top Goal Scorer: Nicki Breeds • Most Improved Player: Ally Keays

Our aim in this year was one of consolidation after having had a very tough season last year. Mission accomplished. We finished 3rd with 40 points.

Anyway, played 20 league games won 12, drew 4 lost 4. 46 goals for 19 against. Fantastic fun season, attendance at training was good and thanks to Ian Best's training was tailored to the teams needs based on performance in matches which was hugely beneficial. Thanks to Ian for coming to so many of our matches it is much easier to concentrate on playing when not having to do the subs as well. The players young and old have shown great spirit this year and fought hard to get the results.

Our top goalscorer was Nicki Breeds. (not sure how many as I was crap at recording them on the website). Thanks to Widge for ensuring we had umpires every week which was a fantastic improvement on the previous season where I was left without an umpire virtually every week.

The youngsters have all improved significantly with Emily Ingall Tombs already having made the step up into the 1st team and I expect to lose others at the start of next season, they will be missed by us in the 2's but they have worked so hard and will become key members of the 1st team squad next season. Having had soo many youngsters in the team at times we relied on parents to do some of the driving and also to be our band of supporters on the sideline. Especially Lyssa's parents who were there come rain or shine shouting their encouragement from the sideline but also keeping an eye on Grace so Hayley could play.

Notable highs of the season were beating local rivals Stratford and managing to hold league winners Atherstone to a draw when the team was diminished due to half term. Along with an eight nil win against Warwick Uni.

Good luck to Laura Dunkerley and Emily Wood who are off to university. Onwards and upwards next year for all and the mission of developing more youngsters ready to continue their progress through the Club.



WOMEN'S 3rd TEAM

Midlands Division 3 (3rd) • Captain: Krissie Howe

Played 20 games • Won 11 • Drawn 4 • Lost 5 • For 81 • Against 35 • Goal difference 46

Player of the Year: Ellie Bailey • Top Goal Scorer: Hannah Wishart • Most Improved Player: Talei Dunn

Warwick Ladies 3rd team have had an excellent season, winning 11 of our 20 games and losing only five. After a slightly wobbly start and a spate of games drawn, we won several games on the trot. The most notable of these being an 18-1 win against Edgbaston and an awesome 3-2 win over Hampton-in-Arden; a team that hadn't even conceded a goal, let alone lost a match, before playing us, and a team that went on to win every other game and win the league by a landslide. We are also pleased to have beaten local rivals Leamington both times we saw them, with convincing 9-0 and 6-0 wins. Our top goal scorer Hannah Wishart won our entire division with a staggering 21 goals, over a quarter of our total goals scored! Over the course of the season, we have been to every social, both to help set up and to enjoy. We have adopted 'Donkey' as our mascot (thanks Liz) and he spends his week going on adventures with the 'Donkey-of-the-Day', he even made it to the End of Season Dinner where we were crowned Team of the Year!

Player of the season: Ellie Bailey for incredible defending and great play throughout the season. Highly committed to training, games and a core team player.

Most improved: Talei Dunn for working so hard throughout the season and learning to play in new positions. A strong midfielder who has shown real commitment to training and matches, except that time she forgot to bring her stick on the pitch.

Top goal scorer: Hannah Wishart always in the right place at the right time.

WOMEN'S TEAM

Midlands Division 4 (3rd) • Captain: Sharon Heydon

Played 20 games • Won 11 • Drawn 3 • Lost 6 • For 47 • Against 41 • Goal difference 6

Player of the Year: Rebecca Collins • Top Goal Scorer: Olivia Ray • Most Improved Player: Anna Young

Ladies 4s easily secured 3rd place in Division 4 of the WWHL, finishing 10 points clear of the 4th placed side. Such success was not predicted after finishing the bottom side in the league last year. The change in fortune owed much to an influx of new graduates and a renewed enthusiasm from younger players who reacted well to the leadership of the new captain Sharon Heydon. She led by example and drove the side forward, particularly the defenders who played alongside her enthusiastic tackling style. Sharon was also well supported by Michelle Saunders in goal, both vocally and with many steady performances between the posts.

Throughout the season, the heart of the team's success proved to be the dynamic running of several key players who were not afraid to take-on much more experienced defenders. Notably, Olivia Ray, Ales Holt, Beth Whitwell, Fleur Maynard, Becca Collins and Louise Cook who created many of the attacking moves which resulted in some outstanding wins.

Historically, the 4s have been the starting point for many of the Club's young players who subsequently then rise up through the higher teams. This year has been no exception and by March six of the team's best players had moved to the 2s and 3s. This high number only illustrates how well the team performed as an integrated unit, and how the younger players blossomed during the latter half of the season. Of particular note was the quality of play from Beth Eames, Maddie Hayward and Miriam Rowles.

In defence Emily Bessant, Polly Walters and Lucy Pannel established themselves and gained first choice selection, and in attack Anna Young, Holly Nicholls and Eloise Feltham developed their games enormously. The team looked set for a successful next season when beating second placed Olton towards the end of the campaign, albeit their challenge now looks more formidable as they look likely to be promoted into the WWHL's 3rd Division, as new teams queue to join the league.

BADGERS TEAM

Northamptonshire Badgers League • Managers: Andy Griffin

Played 20 games • Won 15 • Drawn 4 • Lost 1 • For 89 • Against 15

Player of the Season: Harry Stone • Top Goal Scorer: Josh Cooper (36)

Most Improved Player: Imogen Griffin • Coach's Choice Award: Rebecca Harding

2015/16 has been another great season for Warwick's Badgers. After last season's 2nd place finish there was a tough act to follow this year, but follow it they did. The stats for the season read as follows: P20 W15 D4 L1 F89 A15. Sadly this was only good enough for 2nd place again, but with only three losses in two seasons the Badgers can be rightly proud of their achievements.

Top scorer for the Badgers (and the whole club) was Josh Cooper, with an impressive 36 goals, but there were contributions from throughout the squad to the impressive goal tally. The defence should also be given credit for conceding less than a goal a game for the second season running.

Enjoyable as it is to be involved with such a successful team the greatest satisfaction comes from seeing the players develop over the course of the season. This season has seen a whole host of players improve (too many to single any out) and credit must be given to the dedicated band of junior coaches who give their time week in, week out. A big thank you is also due to the parents, who ferried their kids around to all parts of Warwickshire, Northamptonshire and beyond, and to everyone who helped out as a player, umpire or organiser. We couldn't have done it without you.

Off the pitch the season has also been a great success, with the team spirit continuing to grow amongst players and parents alike. The Christmas bowling excursion was as popular as ever and the 'Gentleman Badgers' walked away victorious from the Club Quiz. Our season will be rounded off by our end of season party, where we will award our 'Player of the Season' and 'Most Improved Player'.

JUNIORS

Co-ordinator: Angela Briggs

We continue to see large numbers of youngsters coming along every Wednesday evening and for the first time this season we have had to say "no more" and create a waiting list.

I have now handed over the reins of junior training after many years to Paul Williams (Wilbur) and Dave Lomas who will be taking over. It has been a long journey from the nights down at St. Nick's when I first started with about six girls on a regular basis, gradually building this up to have so many keen kids now.

The Juniors have been a fantastic feed into the Club for so many years – some familiar names have come through the system, including: Kirstin Bryce, Mel Best, Helen Simpson (all under the supervision of Julie Waite) Pippa Wassall and more recently Lucy McEvoy.

Plans are being made to make some changes to Junior training under the guidance of Wilbur and Dave Lomas. Good luck.

We have fielded teams at U10, U12 and U14 tournaments this year with mixed results. We have aimed at giving the opportunity to anyone who wants to play, to have a go, regardless of ability. At times we have put out a strong side at U14 level and they then invariably are very successful winning their tournaments. We have hosted two tournaments this year and thanks go to all who came along and helped out on the days, the kids have great fun.

So another successful season.

This is aided by all the volunteer coaches: Liz Holding, Barnaby Briggs, Dave Astley, Dave Lomas and Paul Williams.

Also, a massive thank you to our assistant coaches who are invaluable in the running of sessions (don't want to miss anyone out but the regulars are: Henry Curran, Dan Murray, Will Astley, Alyssa Mildenstein, Louisa Briggs, Lucy Baylis, Beth Hall, Sally Rankin, Katie Rankin and Ally Keays).

MEN'S 1st TEAM

1st Team League Midlands 2 (1st) • Captain: Seb Fleet • 'The Invincibles'

Played 20 games • Won 17 • Drawn 3 • Lost 0 • For 86 • Against 33 • Goal difference 52 • 54 Points
Player of the Year: Martyn Stickley • Top Scorer: Martyn Stickley • Most Improved Player: Stevie Gibson

The Invincibles! After last year's frustrating 4th place, returning coach Dave Bryce built upon Will's hard work and unlocked our full potential to control promotion to Midlands 1. With three strong teams having dropped down in to the league, promotion was a tough ask, particularly with a resurgent Uni team getting stronger every year.

The season started with a 5-5 away draw to Finchfield, the depth of squad being tested early on as we were missing four key starters and we had player of the season Martyn Stickley to thank as he scored all five! We then went on an eight match unbeaten run to Christmas, playing some great attacking hockey, built upon a rock solid defence that was unrivalled in the league. Charlie Player, James 'Jelly' 'The Real JB' Barrett, Dave Bryce, Ailester Smythe and Nick 'Daddy' Baker were those rocks, supporting the free flowing hockey from the back. Jack Hobbs made the keeper shirt his own this season, putting in some top quality displays that filled the squad with confidence, allowing us to push further forwards than we had last season. Two other juniors – Oli Hobbs and Dan Murray also made huge progress this year, in particular Oli who made a starting spot his own and has promised me 20 goals next season!

With a settled squad, the unity, banter and teamwork were exceptional. Individual commitment to the team was great, none more so than Rob 'Precious' Pomfret who having been away skiing, drove direct to a match from the airport to play. He did however turn up 'late' and tripped over the first aid kit so the lads awarded him 'Dick of the Day' for his efforts! We welcomed Ben Clarke to the team, a great addition to the team and midfield. Ben failed to score this season, proving how hard it is to score from midfield and just how well his captain did this season to score 1! Phil Foster proved his versatility playing in almost every position, other than central midfield, nobody else is allowed to play there – OK Ben!

After Christmas, we won a further three games, to take it to 12 wins on the bounce, the 12th a superb 2-0 away win at the Uni, a real six pointer that all but won us the title. Tim Williams-Ellis hit 7th spot on the league top scorers chart with 16 goals and led the attack and pressed superbly well all season. However, if he hadn't bottled our penalty stroke (to Steven 'I tried to nutmeg the keeper' Cook) against Coalville, he would have had 17 and we'd have extended our string of victories past 12 games! We won five of the last six matches, only dropping points in a hard fought away draw to local rivals Stratford.

Special mention to my vice-captain, Jelly who was exceptional on the pitch and off it – offering me huge support and having a key influence on the squad. A massive thank you to Balfs for his cooperation and understanding with the moving of players up and down, a big well done to Stevie Gibson for stepping up to the 1s and maintaining his squad position after a great debut away at Chesterfield.

We will unfortunately be losing our England international Blue McWhirter to university for next season and we all wish him well and good luck. Blue had a very strong final season for us, stepping it up a level from last year and pushing forwards in to right midfield, not his preferred position, but he played extremely well, contributed some crucial goals and somehow managed to get less cards than me! He did however stop writing the match reports and decided he didn't want to sell his Dad's car in order to have enough money to come to the fines day with Alley 'The Dictator' Smit.

Midlands 1 will be a good challenge for us, a challenge I fully expect us to meet head on and a minimum of a top half finish is what we need. Another unbeaten season please lads!

MEN'S 2nd TEAM

2nd Team League West Midlands Premier (5th) • Captain: James Balfour

Played 20 games • Won 8 • Drawn 3 • Lost 9 • For: 61 • Against: 52

Player of the Year: Tom Selby • Top Goal Scorer: John MacDonald • Most Improved Player: Jack Bennett

After finishing the previous season in a respectable 4th position, we went into this season hoping to improve upon last year's short comings, namely squad inconsistency, to try and achieve a higher position, which was more than a possibility for our team. On losing several players either to the 1s squad or some of the Warwick boys moving onto university, they were thankfully replaced by new Club members Greg Bowler and Ben Cooper, along with some players moving up from the 3s. Having our vice captain John Macdonald return from his dry spell in the 1s last season was a more than welcome addition, being the top scorer for our team and 5th in the league.

As per last season, we started off strong, defeating Edgbaston quite comfortably 4-1, who finished above us last year. However, that was somewhat short lived, suffering two 5-0 losses in the following matches. With the occasional win here and there, the rest of the first half season mainly consisted of narrow losses and draws, most of which on paper should have been wins. Therefore coming up to Christmas a minor reshuffle took place between the 2s and 3s to try and improve consistent squads for both teams.

The next half season was a big improvement. Even with some injuries suffered, particularly in the back line, and Will Walker's numerous skiing holidays, the squad was more consistent each week and morale was boosted. There was also the fear of finishing close to the relegation zone. Despite having the occasional, but less frequent annoying narrow losses and draws like before, the 2s moved up the table slowly but surely. At the end of the season the Men's 2s finished a slightly disappointing, but still well deserved 5th, more importantly above local rivals Stratford.

Our player of the year Tom Selby, deserves a lot of credit. Despite a frequently compromised midfield, he was always a consistent force in the centre. Jack Bennett, our most improved player, also had a great season, improving hugely throughout the season and a vital asset to the team. I know the 1s have their eye on him! A big thank you also to Matt Morgan and James Druce who have been vital team members for the past years and are now moving on to university next year, assuming exams go well. Good Luck!

A big thanks to Steve Dellow who umpired the vast majority of our home games, and to Marije Tunnicliffe for organising the umpires for all of the Club's home games.

MEN'S 3rd TEAM

3rd Team League Midlands 1 (6th) • Captain: Chris Langley

Played 22 games • Won 8 • Drawn 5 • Lost 9 • For 65 • Against 66 • 29 Points

Player of the Year: Toby Harper-Lawrence • Top Goal Scorer: John Kane • Most Improved: James Langley

A good outcome from a tough season of two halves and one that was painful for myself. The first half of the season started with a 3:30pm start away at Belper on an England rugby match evening – to say availability was a struggle is an understatement. The 11 of us who made the journey played some good hockey especially in the first half, but we got punished by break away goals and lost 1-3. We then got on a roll, winning or drawing our next six games, the highlight being a terrific 4-3 win away at Olton. This particular game marked the point when I had to have a knee op' and sit out much of the rest of the season. Availability continued to force us to many changes to the player list for selection. By Christmas we were sitting nicely in 4th place.

The second half of the season saw Ali Clark and JK being pulled up to the 2s; we missed them. Initially, we got off to a great start: reversing the Belper result by winning 5-3 at home, but then we got on a difficult run, of what felt like some bad luck and patchy availability, which led to a run of four losses and two draws. However, other results meant that we slipped only a couple of places, but with several teams very close behind us. Two nice wins out of the remaining four games cemented 6th place.

Across the season 53 players made an appearance for the 3s, thank you to you all: Dan Honey-Smith and James Langley played in 19 of our 22 leagues; Alp Shaw and Andrew Dellow often bamboozled the opposition defence with their 3D skills and reverse strikes and JK and Ali Clark made a big difference for us in the first half of the season. However, our player of the season is Toby Harper-Lawrence who made many outstanding saves; we will miss him next year, but wish him well as he heads off to Uni.

On the humour side, a number of our 3s excelled in an unofficial contest to see who could arrive the latest with the most bizarre excuse. James Allison and Rich Kelly predictably impressive; with surprises from Matt Walmsley and Andrew Dellow. The clear winner was Chris Roberts, 'away' at Warwick Uni, with: "being 'cut up' on the motorway 'so missed the junction!'" I also think we can claim the award for the most match reports submitted and I hope you all enjoyed reading the '2 Good 2 Bad' features.

Next season I will be hoping for some stability in our team selection and hopefully my knee (and the rest of my joints and ligaments for that matter) will let me play most if not all our games. C'mon 3s!



MEN'S 4th TEAM

Central League West Midlands Premier (3rd) • Captain: Nick Anscomb

Played 20 games • Won 12 • Drawn 3 • Lost 5 • For 60 • Against 38 • Goal difference 22 • Points 39
 Player of the Year: George Holding • Top Scorer: Jon Sawdon (16) • Most Improved: Archie Gale

Having been promoted last season there was a certain degree of expectation from our West Midlands Premier opponents that we would be the team to take an easy three points from. The 4s, under new leadership, had different ideas. Following a battling opening day draw at home, the next five games returned maximum points to stretch an unbeaten run into the middle of November, including an excellent away win against Worcester 4s in appalling conditions. The combination of youth and experience was working well and everyone was enjoying their hockey as our opponents realised we weren't just along for the ride! A bit of a dip in form followed in the run up to Christmas, with injuries and availability struggles taking their toll, but at the half-way point we were still comfortably positioned to mount an unexpected title challenge in the second half of the season!

Following the captain's scouting mission to Germany in the winter break, a number of players, possibly worried by the threat of losing their place, picked up their game and we started the New Year with 10 out of a possible 12 points won. The half-term curse hit us hard resulting in a loss to a much improved Warwick Uni side. Spurred on by this we were keen to end the season well and won a further four out of five matches, being cruelly denied a point away at Lichfield following the award of a somewhat controversial penalty flick which saw the eventual league winners take the 3 points that swung the title race in their favour.

Nevertheless, a fantastic season was capped with a 7-0 victory at home against Barford Tigers and an enjoyable curry night followed. Missing out on promotion by 1 point was gutting for a team that put in lots of effort throughout the season, but equally it might have come too soon to have had back-to-back promotions especially with the quality of the league above (Loughborough Students GD was +123!!). We'll be very much up for the fight again next year though and if the current crop of players are kept, there would be no reason why promotion couldn't be achieved.

MEN'S 5th TEAM

Central League South South East 1 (6th) • Captain: Ian MacDonald

Played 18 games • Won 7 • Drawn 3 • Lost 8 • For 38 • Against 42
 Player of the Year: Michael Howard • Top Scorer: Paul Williams and Steve Lycett
 Most Improved Player: Tom Kerr

The 5s were promoted somewhat unexpectedly at the end of the previous year having finished only 3rd, but managed to complete the season and end in 6th place in SE1. We had some mixed results, generally winning the games we should have, and giving a good shrift of ourselves in the rest.

The opening game against Burton (relegated into SE1 this year) saw us run out 2-0 winners with probably our strongest team of the year – Burton went on to win the league comfortably. Without doubt our best game was away at Coalville who were averaging six goals a game and they were a goal up in the first minute. We had the bare 11 players who had braved a long, cold and dark journey to what promised to be a good thrashing – but not so! At half time we were 3-1 up and held on to win 3-2. What a game! Everyone who played will remember it for a long, long time. There were some lows and we lost a few, but the team made up of many dads and lads (Herd, Cardellino, Astley, MacDonald and Van Der Schalk) many others both old and young and even a few in the middle kept the team spirit up and enjoyed the long distance travelling South East 1 provided. We certainly saw a lot of Leicestershire.

Our Player of the Season was Michael Howard who kept us in so many games with his goalkeeping skills – well done Michael. Will Astley came a close runner up, he really came to the fore this year and it was great to welcome Freddie Herd and Tom Kerr to the team. Claudio, Steve Lycett, Adrian and all the Daves (Lomas, Bray, Ruddock...) with Andy Hall and Matt Smith contributed loads and made my life as Captain so much easier. It was also good to see Luca playing, having finish last year at Hampton going off in an ambulance. Guest appearances from John Mac, Wilbur, Duncan Gordon, Mike Cant and even Ian Best also contributed to the results – many thanks. We had no outstanding goal scorer this year, but on a personal note I did manage to score one goal that I, and those who saw, it will remember.

The two teams who went up with us to SE1 both went down and this is the first year the 5s have ever managed to stay up having been promoted to either SW1 or SE1. An encouraging year and we all look forward to September when we can start again!

MEN'S U18s TEAM

Manager: Chris Langley

Played in the U18 EHB Cup reaching Round 3

Player of the Year: Blue McWhirter

What a great team! The lads did themselves and the Club proud by reaching the 3rd round of the EHB U18 cup.

On 8th November we faced Stourport away in our first game, we completely frustrated and outplayed a very strong side. Jack Hobbs looked like he would never be beaten, if they ever got through our solid defence of Jack Bennett, Blue McWhirter, Dan Murray and James Langley. Olli Hobbs, George Holding, Ben Cooper, Maxwell Edwards and our one guest player bossed midfield and up front Elliot Hobbs, Alp Shaw, Gabriel Thornton and James Druce had goals in their sights. We reckon we won 4-1 although the Stourport result submitted to EHB says 4-2.

On 22nd November we travelled to Cannock for what would be a tough test. Warwick played some very nice hockey and competed in all areas of the field. Jack Hobbs pulled off a string of fine saves but unfortunately we couldn't find a way to score. Cannock, on the other hand, took their chances well to score some very well taken goals. We lost 0-4 but with heads held high. The Cannock coach told me that we gave them the toughest game they had played this season!

We have a really talented squad of young lads coming through with impressive individual skills and who play for each other as a team. A large part of this squad is the U16s of last year so, although we lose Blue McWhirter and James Druce as they head off to university, we have high hopes as we build on into next season, and a few more seasons to come with some of the younger players!

MEN'S VETS TEAM

Captain: Claudio Cardellino

Player of the Year: Simon Shepherd • Top Scorer: Chris Sampson

Took over the captaincy in 2002 and this is the first season where the veterans team didn't manage to win more than they lost, although it was 50/50. The first five matches saw the veterans losing four and drawing one!

But the squad managed to pick themselves up and produce some good hockey, unfortunately the net didn't bulge enough though!

Chris Sampson was leading goalscorer with nine goals and this was the first time that the leading goalscorer didn't go into double figures. Player of the season was Simon Shepherd as voted by the squad.

Neil Mclester, John Kane and Charlie Morgan made their Veterans debuts this season, while James Barrett was our unofficial veteran. Hopefully next season we will get back to our usual win ratio .

MIXED

Captain: Ian Best

Player of the Year: Blue McWhirter

The Mixed team again enjoyed success in the National Mixed Trophy as they reached the last 16 – after a quite farcical 13-0 win against a "half-hearted" Old Sils in round 1 Warwick dispatched Stourport 11-4 in round 2 before a harder test against Harborne in round 3 and a 4-1 win. Warwick were drawn away against Leamington Khalsa in the last 16 and despite the hosts including a number of England Internationals in their ranks Warwick were unlucky to go down 3-2.

Leamington Khalsa now travel to defending champions Harleston Magpies in the last 8, which is miles away so maybe not the worst game to lose after all!



SOCIAL

Organisers: Harriet McCormick & Tim Williams-Ellis

We've had another busy year of social events supported by all sections of the Club. These events created many memorable occasions, starting with the Halloween themed 'Battle of the Teams' in October. With seven teams battling it out, including a guest 'WAGS' team, this year's games saw the previous champions well and truly knocked off their top spot! The costume competition was hotly contested by clowns, ghosts and skeletons, but the overall winner was the Men's First's Dan Murray!

A Casino Evening was a good start to our Christmas season. No formal dress was required, just Christmas jumpers! The tables were good to Nick Herd, the overall gambling champion of the night – did the croupiers know he was the Chairman?!

There was a fantastic Club turn out of members – 67 in total for the Quiz Night in January. Both banter and alcohol flowed freely as a fierce (but friendly) rivalry developed, whilst Team Badger was busy recruiting 'Siri' to their team. The Gentlemen Badgers won by the smallest of margins and, true to their name, promptly gave their prize (5 bottles of wine) to the Lady Badgers!

20 members turned up for Paintballing in February. The games were really good fun with laughs, stories, yellow paint on various parts of our heads and some stinger bruises for a few; Martha took a beauty... Greg!

The highlight of our social calendar was the End of Season Dinner with awards, dancing, three course dinner and drinks. Time to take off our hockey kits and dress up for a change. Award highlights were the Men's First Team receiving a special 'Invincibles' award, Women's Third Team winning Team of the Year and finally Nick Herd winning Clubman of the Year.

UMPIRES

Organiser: Marije Tunncliffe • Umpire of the Season: Steve Dellow

It has been a busy year with lots of matches at similar times, this has made the organisation of the umpires a logistical nightmare at times. We have managed to cover all matches all season, even with the odd begging email or 'bribery'.

Onwards and upwards for next season, we will need to pull together and volunteer by umpiring, as we are relying heavily on the non-playing umpires and this is not always fair on them.

If you have done your umpiring course and are umpiring regularly, but need assessing for you Level 1, please let me know and we can get this arranged as soon as possible.

I look forward to seeing you all over the summer at the various summer league matches!

KIT

Organiser: Emlyn Evans

A rather more challenging year with our kit supplier. Having had a few years of good quality, consistent kit being supplied without a lot of headaches we have taken a few steps back this year. My apologies! We will be changing kit supplier and I am in the process of dealing with some of the issues we have got with our latest stock that we have had in from TK. We know what we need to do, so please bear with us and we will get it sorted out for next season.

TEAS

Organiser: Emlyn Evans

This doesn't really need a report, but I feel it is important for us to formally recognise Anna Marie's efforts with helping us out over the last few years and particularly this year for getting involved with serving and clearing away the food. Finding someone to do this on a Saturday isn't easy and it has been really appreciated by the Club. Thank you!

Testament to Anna Marie's dedication and quality of service, as well as all those who have served behind the bar and generally helped out, has meant that we as a Club have been voted 'Top in Warwickshire' for our hospitality.

SPORTS CLUB

Representative: Liz Holding

Here are the highlights of a recent Sports Club Committee meeting:

Club refurbishments – there is a plan for the next stage of this, including showers, ladies loos, men’s showers and the bar area.

The grants for this work have now been approved and the update from Steve Drummond on this is: just thought you'd like to know that the last piece of the funding jigsaw has now been put in place.

WREN have granted us the remaining monies and so, once I've gone through a few hoops of providing them with the info they require, we'll be able to start the building work on the ladies loos and showers, the men's showers and the bar. If all goes well the work on the loos and showers will start in April!

The Men’s hockey changing rooms have recently been refurbished – painted, carpeted and had hockey graphic applied. Thanks to Phil Holding and Chris Langley for their help.

LADIES SUMMER LEAGUE 2015

Representative: Steve Chidlow

The club entered two teams in the Olton Summer League in 2015. The B Team had some 13 games and handsomely won their Division with 11 victories and some 61 goals. The team was drawn mainly from the 3rd team, and playing together clearly contributed to their subsequent Winter League season success. Krissie Howe led the summer side admirably and the introduction of a number of younger players increased their confidence of playing adult hockey. Entry into the league therefore proved worthwhile on several levels, not least in publicising the club’s commitment to provide year-round hockey for players.



LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNER 2015/16

Paul 'Wilbur' Williams

Paul Williams, aka, 'Wilbur' is a very worthy winner of my last 'Lifetime Achievement Award 2015/16'. Everyone knows Wilbur, as he is so proactive and involved with the 'life' and running of our Club. To some he is the IT Guru 'the man behind the login' and the one who keeps the website working, to others he is the nurturing and patient 'father like' figure for our Under 8s at Junior training and Junior tournaments. He's also an 'odd job' player, one who has played throughout the Club, up and down the Men's section, season after season in and out of goal. Out of goal he plays with a directness and a dribbling style like no other – a genius and a bit of a 'Giant Messi', then in goal he's direct and decisive playing like a 'big cat' picking off its prey.

As well as being a gentle giant and a gentleman, he also holds the record for the quickest Warwick Vet's goal, scored this season against Hampton in just 25 seconds! Good luck in your new role as Co-Coordinator of the Juniors with Dave Lomas. Finally, congratulations to you Ali and the family – you're a Club superstar and our Lifetime Achievement Award Winner 2015/16!

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

From: Emlyn Evans

It is with great pleasure that I write my last presidential report... whilst my stint has been short and sweet... it has been enjoyable and very rewarding. Throughout the last two years there has always been something positive to reflect on and this year is no different. We have all celebrated the successes on the pitches and there have been some notable individual and team performances throughout the club, both with the senior, junior and mixed teams, but it is the off the pitch success that I want to focus on. The hockey club committee has got stronger and stronger and continues to reflect the make up of the Club with it's wide range of knowledge, experience and motivation and this allows us to progress positively and with a solid foundation on and off the field. A special thanks goes to Dave Bryce this year for stepping in and running both the senior male and female coaching roles and whilst this wasn't planned it was a job well done – thank you! Our coaching structure has developed over the last few years and I feel it is now clear and heading in the right direction... the biggest challenge now is to get more individuals within the Club qualified. The finances of any sports club are often one of it's biggest concerns and a lack of finance often prevents any progress occurring. We are very lucky to have had Dave Harris as our treasurer and as a result of the effort he continues to put in and with the support from Pam and the captains it means the Club remains on a strong financial footing – this should not be underestimated or taken for granted! The Club's facilities have continued to improve and we have benefitted from the Sports Clubs and in particular Steve Drummond's continued passion to find external funding in order to improve the facilities that we are surrounded by... something we should be grateful for and ultimately proud to be a part of! The final comment I would make relates to the league tables published by the MRHA and I am not talking about ones relating to playing performance, but to discipline and hospitality. For years there has been a continued effort made towards improving the way the club conducts itself on and off the field and when I joined my early experiences were of ill discipline on the field and a very mediocre effort off the field looking after our opposition afterwards. Whilst there is still more work to be done it is wonderful to see that we have come second in the Midlands Leagues for hospitality (top in Warwickshire) and ninth for discipline – this sort of thing goes a long way towards building our attractiveness as a Club to others, so for those of you who have made the effort thank you and let's keep building on what we have now established!

My final thank you goes to Nick for the effort he has put in as Chairman – he has learned a lot in the four years since he came in to the role and we have spent many hours discussing a variety of subject matters throughout that time. I know that there are some areas of development that have eluded him, but overall I feel it is fair to say that he has put a huge effort in and he has certainly added lots of value to the Club in a variety of areas, so on behalf of the committee and the Club 'well done' and 'thank you' for your dedication!



WARWICK HOCKEY CLUB 95th AGM 2014/15 MINUTES

Friday 5th June 2015 – 7.00pm

Attendees (33 members)

Marije Tunnicliffe, Alyssa Mildenstein, Emily Ingall-Tombs, Caroline Ingall-Tombs, Dan Murray, Chris Langley, Hannah Wishart, Claudio Cardellino, Luca Cardellino, Sophie Robinson, Angela Briggs, Alex Filmore, Becky Weaver, Paul Williams, Pam Dalton, Steve Lycett, Dave Harris, Seb Fleet, Tom Booker, Tim Williams-Ellis, Martha Hayes, Emilia Dunkerley, Andrew Westrope, Dave Bryce, Ian MacDonald, Nick Ancomb, Krissie Howe, Harriet McCormick, Dan Honey-Smith, Lucy McEvoy, Helen Simpson, Dom Simpson, Emlyn Evans, Nick Herd.

Apologies

Minutes of the 2014/15 AGM

- Minutes proposed by Claudio Cardellino.
Seconded by Marije Tunnicliffe – accepted by the meeting as being accurate.

Chairman's Report (Booklet)

Captains' Reports & Awards (Booklet)

Other Reports (Booklet)

Treasurer's Report (Booklet)

Key Points:

- The Club has had a good financial year; however there was a deficit of £2,075.
- Large numbers of subscription fees remain unpaid.
- No increase of fees is being proposed.

Financial Statements Questions

Election of Officers

- Volunteers were requested for certain posts where incumbents had resigned.
- The list was largely completed during the meeting leaving a few to be appointed once the season had started, notably – Umpire Co-ordinator and Volunteer Co-ordinator.

Any Other Business

- Coaching update: new structure proposed, Ladies 1/2s coach –offer yet to be confirmed and therefore continue with sub coach from both teams.
- Dave Astley proposed for committee fees to be waived – this was rejected as not financially viable.

Meeting Opened – 7.00pm

Meeting Closed – 7.45pm

Awards Ceremony and BBQ



WARWICK HOCKEY CLUB ELECTED OFFICERS 2015/16

Executive

	Position
President	Emlyn Evans
Chairman	Nick Herd
Honorary Secretary	Steve Chidlow
Secretary	Hanna Wishart
Treasurer	David Harris
Ladies' Membership Secretary	Pam Dalton
Men's Membership Secretary	Dave Harris

Administrative

Clubs First Co-ordinator	Dom Simpson & Steve Chidlow
Disciplinary & Welfare Officer	Kirstin Bryce
Junior Co-ordinator	Angela Briggs
Kit Secretary	Emlyn Evans
Tour Secretary	Tom Booker & Tim Williams-Ellis
Pitch Co-ordinator	Steve Lycett
Sponsorship & Publicity Officer	Nick Herd & Dan Honey-Smith
Sports Club Representative	Liz Holding
Umpire Co-ordinator	Marije Tunncliffe
Webmaster – Content & Structure	Chris Langley, Andrew Westrope & Matt Walmsley
Webmaster – Administration	Paul Williams

Ladies' Section

Ladies' 1st/2nd Coach	David Bryce/Ian Best
Ladies' 3rd/4th Coach	Seb Fleet/Tim Williams-Ellis
Ladies' 1st Team Captain	Becky Weaver
Ladies' 2nd Team Captain	Angela Briggs
Ladies' 3rd Team Captain	Chrissie Howe
Ladies' 4th Team Captain	Sharon Heydon
Ladies' 5th Team Captain	Pam Dalton
Ladies' Fixture Secretary	Steve Chidlow
Ladies' League Representative	Marije Tunncliffe
Ladies' Social & Section Representative	Harriet McCormick
Mixed Team Captain	Ian Best

Men's Section

Men's 1st/2nd Coach	David Bryce
Men's 3rd/4th/5th Coach	Dan Honey-Smith
Men's 1st Team Captain	Seb Fleet
Men's 2nd Team Captain	James Balfour
Men's 3rd Team Captain	Chris Langley
Men's 4th Team Captain	Nick Anscorb
Men's 5th Team Captain	Ian MacDonald
Men's Vets Team Captain	Claudio Cardellino
Men's Fixture Secretary	Claudio Cardellino
Men's Social & Section Representative	Tim Williams-Ellis

WARWICK HOCKEY CLUB AWARD WINNERS 2014/15 and 2015/16

Club Awards	Recipient 2014/15	Recipient 2015/16
Zoe Hartley Team of the Year	Men's 1st Team	Women's 3rd Team
Clubman of the Year	Chris Langley	Nick Herd
KHVIII Junior Member of the Year	Henry Curran	Dan Murray
KHVIII Junior Member of the Year Runner Up	Alyssa Mildenstein	Louisa Briggs
KHVIII Umpire of the Year	Marije Tunnicliffe	Steve Dellow
Men's Section		
Most Improved Player	Dan Murray	Jack Hobbs
U18 Player of the Year	Blue McWhirter	Blue McWhirter
1st Team Player of the Year	Tim Williams-Ellis	Martyn Stickley
1st Team Top Goal Scorer	Martyn Stickley	Martyn Stickley (32)
1st Team Most Improved Player	Steve Cook	Stevie Gibson
2nd Team Player of the Year	Matt Morgan	Tom Selby
2nd Team Top Goal Scorer		John Macdonald
2nd Team Most Improved Player		Jack Bennett
3rd Team Player of the Year	Alp Shaw	Toby Harper-Lawrence
3rd Team Top Goal Scorer		John Kane
3rd Team Most Improved Player		James Langley
4th Team Player of the Year	John Sawdon	George Holding
4th Team Top Goal Scorer		John Sawdon
4th Team Most Improved Player		Archie Gale
5th Team Player of the Year	Steve Lycett	Michael Howard
5th Team Top Goal Scorer		Paul Williams & Steve Lycett
5th Team Most Improved Player		Tom Kerr
Vets Team Player of the Year	Andrew Westrope	Simon Shepherd
Women's Section		
Most Improved Player	Emilia Dunkerley	Lucy McEvoy
U18 Player of the Year	Martha Hayes	Milla Dent
1st Team Player of the Year	Sally Rankin	Emilia Dunkerley
1st Team Top Goal Scorer	Martha Hayes	Martha Hayes
2nd Team Player of the Year	Laura Dunkerley	Katie Rankin
2nd Team Top Goal Scorer	Kirstin Bryce	Nicki Breeds
2nd Team Most Improved Player	Louisa Briggs	Ally Keays
3rd Team Player of the Year	Hannah Wishart	Ellie Bailey
3rd Team Top Goal Scorer	Krissie Howe	Hannah Wishart
3rd Team Most Improved Player	Sophie Lapage-Norris	Talei Dunn
4th Team Player of the Year	Ele Bailey	Rebecca Collins
4th Team Top Goal Scorer	Liz Holding	Olivia Ray
4th Team Most Improved Player	Beth Hall	Anna Young
5th Team Player of the Year	Holly Nicholls	
Others		
Lifetime Achievement Award	Steve Chidlow	Paul Williams
Mixed Player of the Year	Alex Fillmore	Blue McWhirter
Junior Most Improved Player of the Year	Harry Stone	Taz Williams
Badgers Team Top Goal Scorer	Josh Cooper/Freddie Quelch	Josh Cooper (36)
Badgers Team Player of the Year	Ed Hare	Harry Stone
Badgers Team Most Improved Player	Alex Harold	Imogen Griffin
Badgers Team Coach's Choice Award	Talei Dunn	Rebecca Harding



WARWICK HOCKEY CLUB ELECTION OF OFFICERS 2016/17

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Kit Secretary	Ant Baxter
Tour Secretary	Tom Booker & Tim Williams-Ellis
Pitch Co-ordinator	Steve Lycett
Communications Co-ordinator	Krissie Howe/Tom Selby
Sports Club Representative	Liz Holding
Umpire Co-ordinator	Marije Tunncliffe
Fundraising Co-ordinator	TBA
Volunteering Co-ordinator	Hannah Wishart
Club Development Co-ordinator	Emlyn Evans
Webmaster – Content & Structure	Chris Langley, Andrew Westrope & Matt Walmsley
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Men's 3rd Team Captain	Chris Langley
Men's 4th Team Captain	Nick Anscomb
Men's 5th Team Captain	Ian MacDonald
Men's Vets Team Captain	Claudio Cardellino
Men's Fixture Secretary	Claudio Cardellino
Men's Social & Section Representative	Tim Williams-Ellis

Juniors' Section

Junior Co-ordinator	Dave Lomas & Paul Williams
Badgers Manager	Andy Griffin
U8s Coach	Paul Williams
U10s Coaches	TBA
U12s Coaches	TBA
U14s Coaches	Barn Briggs
Goalkeeper Coach	TBA
Girls U18 Manager & Coach	TBA
Boys U16 Manager & Coach	TBA
Girls U14 Manager & Coach	TBA
Boys U14 Manager	TBA
U8s, U10s, U12s Managers	TBA

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